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General Council Plans

Already there is widespread interest in the forthcoming meeting of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches. The Council is to be held at Grinnell, Iowa, June 18 to 26. Northern California is entitled to be presented by five delegates-at-large and seventeen from units consisting of individual churches or groups of churches. In addition, the president of the Pacific School of Religion and the Conference superintendent are delegates in their own rights.

The cost of board and lodging for the period of the Council is to be $25 per person and $2 in addition for registration. Grinnell is located on the Chicago, Rock Island Railway, 55 miles east of Des Moines, on the main line between Omaha and Chicago.

The various units have been notified that their choice of delegates and alternates should be in the hands of the state superintendent as soon as possible. Two units have already made definite choices.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Two hundred twenty-five young people attended the East Bay Pilgrim Fellowship rally, March 31, to hear Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. Samuel Devapragasam and to participate in an inspiring and enthusiastic rally program. A West Bay rally was held at Palo Alto on March 30 with Rev. Ford Forsyth as speaker. Redwood Empire has again held its spring rally as a week-end at Congregational Cazadero, the week-end of April 7. On the same week-end Pilgrim Fellowshippers of the San Joaquin area were meeting in Porterville with a team of Pilgrim Fellowship state officers making the trip to Porterville to help strengthen the ties of fellowship.

Rallies for Junior High young people have been held on recent Sundays at Berkeley, Sebastopol, and Sacramento with over 240 total attendance at the three rallies. The pictures in color and sound showing the need and the work for war victims and reconstruction have been shown at most of these rallies, bringing the young people into vivid awareness of the part we can play in world reconstruction.

Copies of the Pilgrim Fellowship Hand Book, containing the best information and suggestions available for local group organization and activities, are still being distributed at 25 cents each. Adults, as well as young people, who are interested in our youth program are getting help from the Hand Book.

Older young people who have interest and experience in church leadership have an opportunity this summer for student summer service during July and August. Inquiries about the summer service program in Northern California should be addressed to Field Secretary Wm. W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

Dr. Lucius Chapin Porter, L.H.D.,D.D., distinguished missionary educator. In youth he was member of the Yale University Track Team, and also Phi Beta Kappa. For two years Professor of Chinese at Columbia University; Visiting Lecturer at Harvard, Beloit and Claremont Colleges. Professor of Theology and Logic at Yenching University, Peiping, China. Interned by the Japanese, first in Peiping, and then for over three years in Internment Camp. While in Northern California he will speak in every Association meeting and in several of our churches.

MILLS COLLEGE INSTITUTE

The Institute of International Relations has announced its twelfth annual session at Mills College for June 23rd to July 2nd. The theme of the Conference will be "Resources for Waging Peace."

Among the faculty members who will appear are the following: Bert Mitchell, Chairman, Department of Social Sciences, Washington Technical Institute; Frank Munk, of the U.N.R.R.A.; John Granrud, National Conference of Christians and Jews; G. James Fleming, of the American Friends' Service Committee; Paul Thatcher, of the World Federalists. Arrangements and rates will appear in subsequent issues of the Pacific.

SHERMAN MEMORIAL

The Sherman Memorial Cabin is now being erected at Cazadero. Through the active search of one of our laymen, lumber for all of the frame work was found. Enough money is on hand to meet the action of the Cazadero Commission governing memorial cabins. More is needed, however, to cover the full cost. From several churches and many individuals gifts have come for this fund. They have been gifts of thankfulness for the pioneer work done and the splendid leadership given by our late field secretary, Edwin T. Sherman. Nothing would have pleased Mr. Sherman more than to know that his name will be connected with a project of this kind, for he was completely devoted to work among young people.

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer camp time at Congregational Cazadero is coming soon, with all its promise of fun and worship in the open air, of fellowship, and of new dedication to the church.

Again hundreds of youth and adults will make the pilgrimage to our beautiful camp, eighty-five miles north of the Bay area, in the rugged forests and mountains of the Russian River area.

1946 CAMP SCHEDULE

June 15-22—Upper bay Pigrim Fellowship.
June 15-22—San Joaquin (at Lake Sequoia).
June 22-29—Redwood P. F.
June 29-July 6—Central P. F.
July 6-13—West Bay P. F.
July 13-20—East Bay P. F.
July 27-August 3—Family Camp No. 1.
August 3-10—Family Camp No. 2.
August 10-17—Junior High No. 1.
August 17-24—Junior High No. 2.
August 24-31—State Pilgrim Fellowship Camp.
August 31-September 3—College Student Camp.

Leaflets, posters, and registration cards will be in the mail soon to every church, giving details of the camp program. The cost will be $10.00, camp fee, payable on arrival at camp, plus $2.50, registration, payable in advance to camp director.

FAMILY CAMPS

Family camps, of particular interest to The Pacific readers, will be under the leadership of Rev. Richard C. Norberg of Hayward and Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda. Family Camp No. 1 is primarily for families with children under eight; No. 2 is primarily for families with children over eight, and there will be some variations in schedule and plan to fit such groups. Adults without children are, of course, welcome in either camp, but these are the only camps where adults can attend unless they are counsellors. Family camps are planned to give a combination of vacation in the creative fellowship of a Christian camp community and the opportunity for worship and discussion and organized recreation on both a family and age group basis.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

National visitors at our camps in 1946 include Rev. Loy Long, Candidate Secretary of the American Board, and Mr. Mitchell Johnson of Andover Newton Theological Seminary. Others will be announced later. Mr. Long was for many years in India and will bring vivid and interesting stories of our younger churches in India. As Candidate Secretary of the American Board, he will also be looking for possible recruits for future service in the mission field. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of our own Talladega College. He has traveled widely in the interests of interracial fellowship and goodwill to summer camps and youth groups.

On Sunday morning, February 10th, Maurice Lawrence deVries, Jr., arrived to bless the parsonage at Oroville. He weighed about eight pounds on arrival and is the first child of that home.

Spring Association Meetings

In the column, "Calendar of Events," appears the schedule of the spring meetings of the Associations. Program committees are at work. Dr. Lucius C. Porter will be the guest speaker. The State Social Action Committee, the Postwar Emergency Program, the merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Summer Camps for Young People(and the Federation of Congregational Women will all have their places on most of the programs. Officers for the year will be elected and nominations for delegates to the General Council will probably be completed.

RETREATS FOR LAYMEN

The Laymen's Commission is already engaged in setting up a series of retreats for the autumn. It is hoped that there will be six such gatherings: two at Cazadero, and one each at Tulare, Byron Hot Springs, Mt. Hermon, and the Drobish Ranch near Oroville. Each retreat will open on Saturday afternoon and continue until Sunday afternoon. A committee, consisting of Messrs. George B. Martin, Harold T. Avery, and Stanley Rapp, is working out the details.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 21—Easter Sunday.
April 23-25—Rural Life Conference at Davis.
April 26 (Friday)—Spring Meeting of Federation at Petaluma.
April 30 (Tuesday)—Santa Clara Association at Palo Alto.
May 1 (Wednesday)—San Joaquin Association at Fresno First.
May 3 (Friday)—Upper Bay Association at Rio Vista.
May 3-5—California German Congregational Conference at Biola.
May 7 (Tuesday)—Bay Association at Grace United Church, San Francisco.
May 8 (Wednesday)—Redwood Empire Association at Santa Rosa.
May 9 (Thursday) — Sacramento Valley Association at Sacramento Pioneer.
May 10 (Friday)—Central Association at Stockton.
June 15-September 3—Summer Camps at Congregational Cazadero.
June 19-26 — General Council, Grinnell, Iowa.
June 23-July 2—Institute of International Relations at Mills College.
July 8-19—Laboratory School for Christian Education, Plymouth Church, Oakland.
August 14-19—M.E.M. Conference, Asilomar.
October 22-24—Annual meeting of State Conference at Sacramento.

The hand book and directory of the Northern California Congregational Conference is in process of publication and should be available for distribution in time for the spring meeting of the Federation and before the spring meetings of the Association.

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"GRATEFUL EYES"

That our churches are responding to the postwar emergency program is evidenced by the statistical report that appears below.

In the first two columns the receipts for the period from January 11th to March 31st are shown for each of the two years 1945 and 1946, for the regular apportionment benevolences. The total for 1946 shows that our churches are making a Substantial and Courageous Increase. The third column shows the amount that has come in for the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction for the same period of the year.

None of these figures show the money that is sent by individuals and churches directly to the National offices in the East, but only that which has come through the Conference treasury.

Let all churches, pastors and parishioners be reminded that by action of the State Conference Committee on Postwar Emergency Program, all remittances should be made to the Conference office. In that way credit will be given monthly in The Pacific.

Over all America and in stricken lands across the sea there will be grateful eyes turned toward the good people of our churches.

	Jan. 11 to March 31, 1945	Jan. 11 to March 31, 1946	1946 C.W.V.R.
Adin	$ 13.00	$ 7.00	$ 12.96
Alameda	175.31	472.00	510.00
Alturas	36.95	47.65	43.13
Angels Camp	53.00	.....	.....
Antioch	.....	25.38	.....
Auburn	30.00	30.00	10.00
Benicia	30.00	.....	.....
Berkeley, Arlington	45.66	33.90	.....
Chinese	.....	10.00	30.00
First	2,017.99	3,900.61	2,641.92
North	186.60	215.80	164.85
Northbrae	.....	.....	25.00
South	149.42	164.92	.....
Campbell	80.00	.....	10.00
Cedarville	.....	33.75	.....
Cloverdale	33.52	19.92	.....
Cotati	10.00	.....	.....
Crockett	.....	32.93	.....
Dinuba	.....	.60	.....
Eureka	156.88	222.94	97.10
Ferndale	85.10	84.55	.....
Fresno, First	500.00	655.00	662.90
Pilgrim	414.62	.....	67.87
Glen Ellen	21.00	40.00	50.00
Grass Valley	.....	25.00	.....
Guerneville	20.00	13.40	7.88
Hayward	.....	10.00	.....
Kenwood	11.46	8.45	.....
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	28.80	1,100.00
First	649.00	1,765.00	4,125.00
Loleta	14.44	.....	.....
Loomis	23.86	100.00	.....
Martinez	94.07	175.00	.....
Murphys	83.40	81.00	.....
Niles	.....	50.00	.....
Oakland, First	1,320.00	2,072.57	1,128.87
Fruitvale	15.00	26.50	.....
Japanese	15.00	.....	.....
Pilgrim	21.00	28.00	83.78
Plymouth	233.38	400.79	3.00
Orinda	55.80	.....	.....
Oroville	15.21	572.72	500.40
Pacific Grove	92.65	24.60	.....
Palo Alto	300.00	500.00	300.00
Paradise	50.00	150.00	.....
Parlier	.....	25.00	.....
Penngrove	39.36	.....	.....
Pescadero	.....	.....	16.00
Petaluma	294.75	336.00	.....
Pittsburg	64.31	56.58	.....
Port Chicago	37.56	.....	.....
Porterville	400.00	300.00	125.00
Redwood City	210.07	212.04	.....
Reedley	25.00	.....	.....
Ripon	76.43	86.84	25.00
Sacramento	160.00	550.00	709.05
Salida	41.00	.....	.....
San Carlos	60.00	75.00	15.05
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park	60.00	80.00	.....
Chinese	.....	20.00	30.00
First	.....	446.83	300.00
Ocean View	66.15	25.00	5.00
Park Presidio	49.00	37.32	.....
San Jose	175.17	83.52	453.00
San Leandro	25.40	.....	.....
San Mateo	366.00	100.00	.....
San Rafael	10.00	24.50	.....
Santa Cruz	230.00	150.00	.....
Santa Rosa	71.00	94.46	.....
Saratoga	179.45	.....	.....
Sebastopol	93.78	85.77	57.20
Sonoma	46.68	.....	.....
Soquel	30.00	.....	.....
Stockton	187.04	265.53	81.89
Suisun	25.00	51.94	40.43
Tulare	315.00	200.33	.....
Weaverville	75.00	100.00	.....
Woodside	23.80	11.50	12.50
Reno, Nevada	124.55	200.75	41.25
Miscellaneous and.			
Individual	595.55	828.41	664.47
	$11,210.37	$16,476.10	$14,150.50

APRIL 23 TO 25

Sponsored by the Rural Church Commission of the Northern California Council of Churches and by the College of Agriculture at Davis, rural ministers and other rural leaders will convene for a three-day intensive conference at Davis to consider the outlook and strategy for work in town and country parishes. Detailed information about the program may be obtained from Dean Ryerson, Agricultural College, Davis, California, or from Rev. Abbott Book, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 2.

"ISN'T IT A BLESSING?"

A story is told of a little girl in Europe who, as she received sorely needed clothing from a shipment sent from the United States, said: "Isn't it a blessing Columbus discovered America?"

Her question brings forcibly home to us again the fact that if suffering is to be relieved, lives to be saved, and hope revived in the hopeless, the job must be done in large measure by Americans. We have here told over and over again through radio, newspaper, magazine, and reports of all kinds, that more people face starvation this year than in any war year, perhaps in all the years of conflict combined. It follows that never in world history has there been such an opportunity for Christians to act in the spirit of their Master.

What is our response to this challenge? Already we have given much in money and in service, but more is required of us. Mr. Hoover reports that if total disaster is to be averted in many parts of Europe, we must move with speed and efficiency. C.W.V.R. is working for us either independently or in cooperation with other church organizations. The General Council is urging that this year particularly we shall keep Lent with true sacrifice. Concerted effort can accomplish much good even if individual contributions must be small. If our Lenten giving can be in addition to pledges already made, then we may more adequately and quickly meet our personal obligations to relief and rehabilitation work through our church agencies. Let us not forget that church people at home and abroad are bound together in one fellowship and that we here in our land of plenty have the great privilege of extending help to our brethren in Christ.

MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

COTATI AND PENNGROVE. Just as Pacific goes to the printer word comes of the resignation of Rev. A. W. Monosmith, who has served these two churches for several years. Mr. Monosmith plans to close his pastorate on July 1st, but will take vacation in June, and will visit friends and relatives in the East during the summer. He will be available for interim work on his return.

PALO ALTO. The Lenten Sunday morning sermons by Rev. Augustine Jones are on the "Letters to the Seven Churches." The adult class of twenty meets each Monday evening, studying the Book of Revelation. The West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship met at the Palo Alto Church and listened to an address on "One World," by Rev. Ford Forsyth of Berkeley. Eighty-five were present.

MARTINEZ. The Thomas T. Giffen Memorial chimes are being installed. They will be heard not only in the sanctuary but from the tower. Rev. Charles Stanley was speaker at the church night dinner, telling of his long and interesting experiences in China. New members will be received and baptism administered on Sunday. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. The church has purchased a lot adjoining the parsonage with a two-story duplex and a rear cottage, which later will become a part of the proposed parish house. On March 17 the Odd Fellows and the Rebeccas attended church service. The church now has a monthly family night supper. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

CAMPBELL. This church has five sets of youth activities besides the church school, over two hundred young people participating weekly in one or another of these groups. The Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship is sending boxes of food and clothing to Europe. Rev. Robert Carlson is pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. This church has decided to make regular monthly contributions to the War Veterans' Fund.

WE THANK YOU, MISS CLARK

After nearly twelve years of service in the Conference office, Miss Edith M. Clark has resigned. The Conference Board, the superintendent, and the staff, feel deeply the loss of her efficient and devoted service.

In addition to regular stenographic work, she gathered the data and prepared the reports for the registrar. She assembled the copy and did the mimeographing of the hand book and directory. She handled the Pacific Book Service, or a large part of it. For a time, she was secretary of the Committee on Young People's Work, and of the Committee on Christian Education. She was registrar of the Bay Association for a period, and a member of its board of directors. She attended Young People's Conference, and was an inexhaustible source of information regarding books and literature for Sunday School teachers, young people's workers, and those interested in mission study.

It will be the sincere hope of her many friends that after a period of rest she will again be seen at our gatherings as an interested lay person even though she will not be on the Conference staff.

GUERNEVILLE. Rev. Henry Hayden leads a Bible study group each week on "The Parables of Jesus." Preparation is being made during Lent for a sacrificial offering at the Good Friday service for the War Veterans' Fund. Thirty-two are attending choir regularly preparing for Easter. The young people are broadcasting every Tuesday evening over KSRO, a program known as "Young America Speaks."

BERKELEY, FIRST. This church has met with serious loss in the death of Mrs. Mabel Redfield, for many years a devoted and highly successful music director for the church. She was first stricken during the opening hymn at the Sunday morning service. One member of the choir at once went to the organ and Mr. Redfield directed and carried on the music for the service without a break.

OROVILLE. Over $850.00 has been subscribed to the Postwar Emergency Program. Nearly all of it has been paid. The Lenten program includes a training class led by the pastor, Rev. Maurice L. deVries, special Sunday evening services, a laymen's communion service on April 14th, and four fellowship suppers on Wednesday evenings.

SAN MATEO. A great step forward has been made by this church in calling as assistant pastor Rev. Benton Gaskell about to be discharged from Navy Chaplaincy. Rev. Sydney H. Buckham reports that Mr. Gaskell is highly recommended, and he looks forward to great strengthening of the church and its youth program.

BENICIA. The young adults of the parish are having very interesting meetings. The group shows splendid vitality. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, pastor, is now the chairman of the Ministerial Association of the city. Personal gift packages are being sent by individual members overseas.

WEAVERVILLE. The Pilgrim Fellowship is making a barbecue pit on the back of the church lot. New Sunday School hymnals have been purchased and an orchestra is in process of formation. Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Knapp will return from Hawaii about May 1st.

FAIRFAX. A large number of Campfire Girls and Bluebirds with their parents and sponsors attended church on their anniversary Sunday. Fairfax is a community in which there has been a great deal of changing of population. Rev. Rudolph Caughey is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is doing much more than supplying the pulpit, and is instructing a fine class of new members for Easter.

PITTSBURG. The redecorating of the church building has been completed. The sanctuary and foyer have been repainted in light colors. Rev. E. W. Benedict is the pastor.

PACIFIC SCHOOL of RELIGION

PREPARES for the RELIGIOUS VOCATION

BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA-ARDEN. The month of March was one of splendid advance in this project. An Adult Class in religious education, studying an introduction to the Bible, averaged twenty-four in attendance for the four meetings. Another adult group studying Adolescent Psychology, meeting in the mornings, averaged eighteen. The Church School has an enrollment of ninety-nine, and averaged eighty-three in attendance. Twenty-seven women organized the Women's Council. A fine Junior-High group has been carrying on organization meetings, and thirty-seven were present at the first party. Two choirs have been started and plans are laid for a Sunrise Easter Service on the site for the new church building. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are in charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. In response to an invitation of the church and the pastor, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Superintendent Harley H. Gill presented the Postwar Emergency Program on a recent Sunday morning, to which there has been generous response. Miss Ruth I. Seabury of Boston was guest speaker the last Sunday of March. Ten persons were received into membership on March 3. Mr. J. W. Payne is now on the staff as Extension Director.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Rev. Byron Eshelman, the pastor, is using "The Seven Last Words from the Cross" as his sermon subjects during Lent. Thirteen laymen participated in a visitation to enlist new members. The pastor's class has 22 young people. The youth choir continues strong. The building committee will soon begin work. A new brick walk at the side entrance of the church has been completed.

ALAMEDA. A calendar for the month of March shows activities at the church every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and also one Friday. On most days there are at least two meetings in the day. Rev. Ralph V. Conard, the pastor, has been elected president of the Rotary Club of Alameda for the coming year. The Club has voted to send him to the International Convention at Atlantic City.

SOQUEL. The church has come into possession of a very fine 16 mm. motion picture sound projector machine as a memorial gift. It will be used in the program of the church and for community recreation. An area beside the church has been paved for use on outdoor social occasions. Superintendent Gill was guest minister on a recent Sunday. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The membership committee having enlisted volunteers has conducted a pre-Easter visitation, which indicates splendid results in the securing of new members at Easter. Rev. E. LeRoy Abbott is the pastor.

RENO, NEV. The annual "Chest of Joash" Service brought the subscriptions for the annual support of the church so nearly complete that there was a very small job left for the visitors. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is the pastor.

LODI, FIRST. The February dinner party given by the Friendship Class in honor of returned service men and their wives and sweethearts, was so successful that it is to be repeated each month. Many families by following restricted menu are sharing their Sunday dinners with the people of war desolated countries. Rev. A. R. Boone during Lent is using the following sermon subjects: "The Tempted Christ," "The Magnetic Christ," "The Indwelling Christ," "The Loving Christ," "The Successful Christ," "The Luminous Christ," "The Continuing Christ."

The pastor has classes for intermediates on Saturday at 11, for high school young people on Sunday at 6:30, and for young adults Sundays at 9:45.

PETALUMA. The lot between the church and the Woman's Club House is being improved by the planting of a lawn. Recent speakers at the Wednesday evening Fellowship dinners have been Rev. H. H. Landram of San Francisco, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of Martinez, Superintendent Harley H. Gill, and Mr. Ronald Bridges. The Santa Rosa and Petaluma Commanderies of Knights Templar will be guests of the church and the pastor, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, on Easter Sunday morning.

BERKELEY, NORTH. John K. Chapel, news commentator over KROW, was the speaker on "The International Scene with Special Reference to Russia" at the monthly Family Night potluck supper. An interesting letter of thanks from Rotterdam was received by Mrs. Hattie Gauthier, chairman of the World Service Committee, in reply to one of the twenty-three boxes of food sent at Christmas time. More boxes are being sent. The Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. Seven members were received during the past month, five of them on confession, all adults and a majority of them men. The children's choir will assist with the Palm Sunday and Easter programs. The Union Good Friday Service will be held in this church. The pastor, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, is preaching a series of sermons on "Central Christian Affirmations."

PESCADERO The people of the church have reorganized the Sunday School to prepare for a much finer and more meaningful Easter. Attendance through March has averaged twenty-five. Three new teachers have been secured. Rev. William F. Keeney is the pastor.

SAN JOSE. The young adults have had as their guests returned servicemen and newcomers at a social evening. Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Peabody are having a Lenten devotional group in their home on Friday evenings. Dried foods are brought each Sunday during Lent for shipment to individual families in Europe. The campaign for the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction opened on March 10. A fellowship hour follows the Sunday morning service during Lent.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. Samuel Davapragasam from India was guest preacher on Sunday, March 31st. He has been in America for several months attending the International Seminar, under the auspices of our American Board. He spoke to two Sunday School departments, preached at the morning service, and was speaker at a Young Adult group in the evening. Rev. Robert W. Inglis is meeting with a group of Junior and Senior High young people in a class preparatory to church membership.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. A newly organized young mothers' club is making fine growth. There is a Junior High as well as a High School Pilgrim Fellowship. The Men's Club is growing rapidly. They gave scholarships to two members of Pilgrim Fellowship to attend the conference of the Institute of International Relations. Twenty-five new Pilgrim Hymnals were contributed by a member of the church. Mr. Roy Nichols and Rev. Buell Gallagher are the pastors.

ORINDA. A great Community Easter Service will be held in the Orinda Theater. Plans are under way for early Sunday morning services during the summer for "Country Gardeners." The church hopes to come to self-support in the very near future. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is the pastor.

CROCKETT. At a general meeting of the church the program of work outlined by the pastor, Rev. C. Virgil Carlson, was adopted by a large majority. It was decided that there would be closer co-operation with the parent bodies of this federated church. Sunday School is being organized.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. Meetings are being held each week with the architect and plans for the building are taking definite form. The original lot has been sold. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. This church celebrated its twentieth anniversary at a banquet at the Hotel Whitcomb. Rev. H. A. Kartozian, who was the organizer of the church, is its present pastor and read a brief history. Superintendent Harley H. Gill was the anniversary speaker. Beautiful music was furnished by young Armenian people, and greetings were brought by visiting clergymen. The church is looking forward hopefully to the finding of a building to serve as its home.

LOOMIS. Church attendance has increased. A splendid choir of twenty-four voices is leading the music in the regular Sunday services and preparing for Easter. Special organizations for boys and girls will care for the activities of the children. A new junior high "Pilgrim Group" had its first rally at Sacramento. The church buildings are being renovated and improved. New chairs have been purchased. The giving to benevolences and the war victims' fund has increased. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, who has been serving as the president of the Fresno Rotary Club, is being sent by the Club to the International Convention at Atlantic City. A traveling budget has been provided sufficient to permit Mrs. Gregg to accompany him. This church will have as guest preacher on the Sunday following Easter, Rev. Howard Conn, who grew up in the church and is now pastor of the great Plymouth Church in Minneapolis.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the meeting of the Women's League, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach gave the first of a Lenten series on Great Personalities of the New Testament and Professor C. C. McCown of the Pacific School of Religion spoke on the "Arab and Jewish Situation in Palestine." A selection from Dubois, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," is given each Sunday morning by the choir. A new Couples Club has been formed.

HAYWARD. The choir has outgrown the choir stalls, resulting in a division in the choir, one largely for the adults and the other drawn chiefly from Pilgrim Fellowship. Rev. Richard Norberg not only has a training class for church membership, but a pre-training class for seventh and eighth graders, and will spend one evening with adults who are applying for membership on Palm Sunday. The church is filled every Sunday morning.

STOCKTON. Rev. Noel J. Breed is preaching a series of Lenten sermons on "The Faith of a Christian," based on the Apostles' Creed. He conducts the Bible class in the Gospels and the Book of Acts; also a confirmation class to prepare children for church membership. Each Sunday some one voluntarily asks to be included in the Easter class.

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

By REV. ARTHUR L. RICE For the 75th Anniversary of the Reno Church

(To the tune, "Faith of Our Fathers")

For that brave soul, the pioneer,
Who lived by faith, and not by fear;
Where settlers had but lately trod
Raised bold the standard of his God,
We give Thee Thanks, our Father God.
These paths of faith our fathers trod.

For that fair hope which did constrain,
Though fortune's tide might rise or wane,
To build Thy church more strong and fair,
Christ's saving gospel to declare,
We give Thee thanks, our Father God.
These paths of hope our fathers trod.

For love which served in humble ways,
Dauntlessly worked through darkest days,
For faithful souls in pulpit, pew,
Who at great cost to Christ were true,
We give Thee thanks, our Father God.
These paths of love our fathers trod.

With grateful hearts on hist'ry's page
We view our goodly heritage;
Now, on the toil of yester-year
A fairer Temple may we rear.
So may our children's children bless
Our sacrificial faithfulness.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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THE ONGOING WORK

There was the largest attendance in several years at the monthly meeting of the Federation, March 21. The program was a rewarding one. The usual business of the organization came first. Regretfully the Nominating Committee presented and the Executive Committee accepted two resignations: that of Mrs. Philip Greisinger, who has done such notable work for us as Literature Secretary, and Mrs. Robert d'Erlach, correspondent for The Pacific, whose health makes necessary this move. Mrs. Greisinger goes to Stanford as librarian. She takes our best wishes with her. We are fortunate that we have Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, who has been working with Mrs. Greisinger as her assistant, to carry on in the same tradition.

The women sent a message of deep sympathy to Miss Mary Seely, one of our directors, whose father has recently died. Mr. Seely's influence for good has been felt far beyond the bounds of his church and community, by the many whose lives he has touched.

Mrs. James Cooper, Thank Offering Secretary, reported recommendations for that work during the coming year. Our aim should be to secure 100 per cent participation in the Thank Offering. Our projects are to be: South Berkeley Community Church, $1,000; Children's Project at Grace United Church of the Mission, $620; Ryder Memorial Hospital, Humacao, Puerto Rico, $630; Rural Work at Vadala, India, $660. The Indian project is in place of the Means School for Girls, West Africa, in which we have been interested for a number of years. The Vadala work is particularly appealing. Vadala, itself, is a village in the heart of village India, and the work aims at meeting specifically village needs, which means the needs of the vast majority of the Indian people. Our Social Action quota goes toward the salary of two "observers" at Washington who shall report to us their considered views on Washington legislation. With this program of projects, Mrs. Cooper also made the recommendation that we should make it a general policy to change our projects every three years, in order to broaden our interest in and knowledge of the work at large. Mrs. Cooper's report was accepted.

Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Interdenominational Secretary, reported on the newly formed Northern California - Western Nevada Council of Church Women, the World Day of Prayer and the coming Fellowship Day, to be held May 3, which is to stress our own communities and towns. On Mrs. Fuller's recommendation the women voted to join the Interdenominational Council of Missions of Northern California, to which we are to contribute $5.00 annually and furnish four members to serve on the Board of the organization.

In line with the policy announced by our president, Mrs. James Price, to give one or two secretaries time for a full report at each meeting, Mrs. L. K. Doty, Friendly Service Secretary, and Mrs. Bayard Buckham, Devotional Life Secretary, spoke at some length and most helpfully on their branches of our work. Mrs. Doty gave a demonstration which could be used by local societies. On a miniature clothes line she pinned miniature replicas of the various things asked for in our mission stations: towels, sheets, baby things, aprons, and so on. When these needs are presented in the local society the women who are willing to be responsible for one or more of them come forward and take that article from the line. We cannot conceive of any good homemaker leaving these objects dangling pathetically on the line! Mrs. Buckham conducted a seminar on Devotions which many ladies afterward spoke of as the most helpful part of the meeting. As always, Mrs. Buckham gave us both inspiration and practical suggestion.

An unusual treat came with the presentation by Mrs. H. B. Williams of San Carlos of two of the dramatic monologues on Biblical Women already referred to in other issues of The Pacific. The two chosen were Gomer, faithless but repentant wife of Hosea, and Mary Magdalene. These monologues, the work of Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Loken of San Carlos, may be obtained in pamphlet form for 50 cents and are very beautiful. Mrs. Williams' presentation was completely satisfying. She is to be heard again in some of our societies. Do not miss it.

The afternoon session brought us another treat. Dr. Chester McCown, who has the chair of New Testament studies at the Pacific School of Religion and is also director of the Palestine Institute, housed there, gave of his valuable time to suggest helps on how to use the Old Testament. The study is valuable from historical, literary, and ethical standpoints. In the historical study, the geographical and archaeological background is essential. This is almost equally true of the literary study. We cannot understand the literature without a knowledge of the kind of life out of which it developed. In this connection Dr. McCown stated that the Palestine Institute has a loan exhibit packet containing many artifacts illustrative of ancient life: cups, lamps, jewelry, and others, which may be obtained by applying to Miss Margaret Harrison, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley. Dr. McCown advised against an attempt to read the Old Testament "from cover to cover," as very much of it is, in his words, "an arid waste." Many later versions are more exact translations than the King James' version, but it is that one which has made our own literature what it is. We cannot afford not to be familiar with it. Of the ethical study of the Old Testament, Dr. McCown pointed out that we are prone to take the promises to ourselves but neglect to take the lessons. It is a joy to know that at the May meeting we are to hear Dr. McCown on the study of the New Testament.

Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Program Chairman, reported on the Spring Meeting. This will be held in Petaluma on the fourth Friday in April, the 26th. Please take special note of the change from the usual date, the reason for which was explained fully in the March issue of The Pacific. We shall be especially favored in our speakers, who will be Miss Edith Parsons of Turkey and Dr. Lucius Porter, long connected with the North China Mission. This meeting marks the return to our delightful custom of holding our Spring Meeting in the country, a custom interrupted by wartime conditions. We should all take advantage of this opportunity and make it a record meeting.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE ACTIVITIES

New enthusiasm is evident in Plymouth House, the Congregational Student Center serving the University of California campus. Since the commencement of the new term attendance has increased, and the group has welcomed into its midst a number of veterans who have returned to the campus.

A series of meetings and social affairs issued in the new term. Among these were firesides held at two homes and a Fun-Sing at another when new members were introduced. Plymouth House mothers provided a dinner on Friday, March 15th. Fifty-five attended. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Roland Bridges.

Thirty-three Plymouthites journeyed to Cazadero for the week-end of March 24 for a retreat. Excellent business meetings were held, and most of the members made their first acquaintance with the Cazadero Camp grounds. Weather was favorable and Sunday morning church service was held out of doors. Before leaving, the group picked several hundred daffodils and these were sold to bring in the amount of $20.00, which will go into the fund for a new boys' dormitory at the camp.

Plymouth House is joining with other religious groups on the campus to plan for Religious Emphasis Week during May 5-12. Plymouth House representatives on the Inter-Church Council are Nancy Bailey, Boardman Drobish, Mavis Haglund, and Rev. J. Ford Forsyth, the director.

THE PHILIP GREISINGER MEMORIAL

The Greisinger Memorial Fund continues to grow. This fund is to cover the cost of a boys' cabin at Cazadero and is to be in memory of the late Phillip Greisinger, who passed away so suddenly a few months ago. Mr. Greisinger was an out-of-doors man and greatly interested in work among young people, particularly boys. It is the hope of his friends and family that a sufficient amount will be available that Cabin No. 2, to be constructed this spring, will bear his name. Gifts for it will be sent to the Conference office.

THREE LAYMEN ANSWER FINAL CALL

Each of three of our churches lost an almost indispensable layman within three days.

Mr. F. Howard Seely, treasurer of the First Congregational Church of Oakland passed away on March 18. For many years he had taken a most active part in the work of this church. He was a man of outstanding literary ability. He is known throughout our entire national fellowship by the leaflet, "Dollar-a-Year Christianity."

On March 20 Mr. William A. Finch of the Park-Presidio Church passed away. Mr. Finch was a strong, dependable, far-seeing layman of that church and of the old Richmond Church, which became a part of the federation. He had held almost every office within his church and was always seen at Association and Conference meetings.

At the same time the Saratoga church lost Mr. J. E. Moody. He had lived in Saratoga only a few years but had made the church and its work his chief interest in life. He served as treasurer and saw to it that the business and property of the church were in excellent condition. He was the kind of layman that every pastor prays for but few find.

INTRODUCING MRS. ALICE BARRITT

The Pacific is pleased to introduce to our people Mrs. Alice Barritt, who began work in the Conference office April 1st. Mrs. Barritt was at one time with The Mulberry Community House, social service center, New York City, in the capacity of secretary to director. Recently, she did temporary work for the Juvenile Probation Association, San Francisco, and prefers this type of work to that which is purely commercial. As soon as possible she will take over the work of the Pacific Book Service and will seek to become thoroughly acquainted with the needs of our various departments, and will undertake other projects in the office as they arise.

SUNRISE ON MT. DAVIDSON

Dean Paul M. Pitman, of San Jose State College, member of our San Jose church, will preach the sermon at the 24th Annual Sunrise Easter Service on Mount Davidson, San Francisco. Sunrise will be at 5:28. The service will be broadcast over KPO.

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